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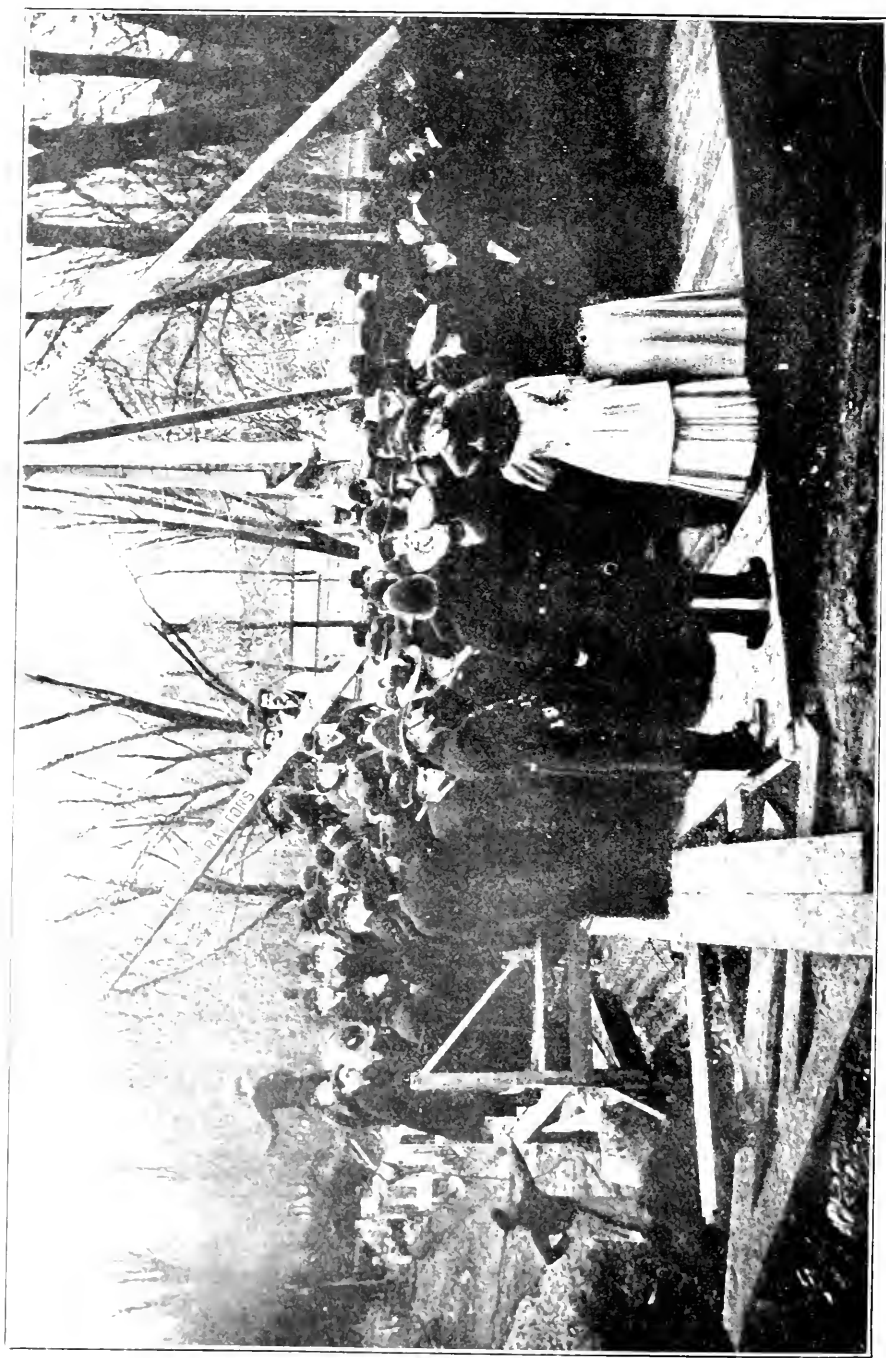
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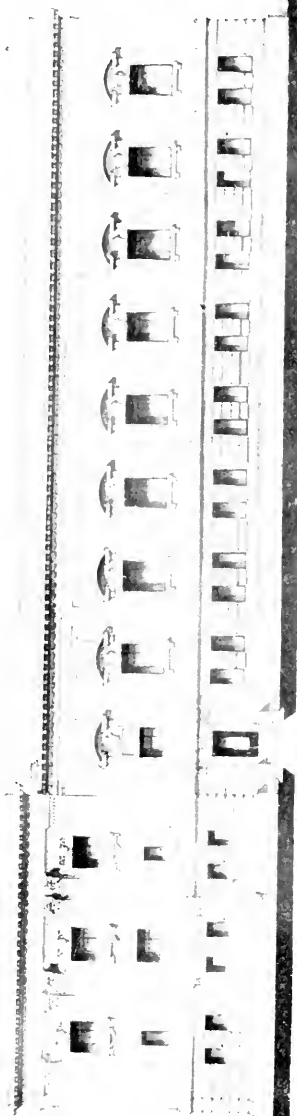
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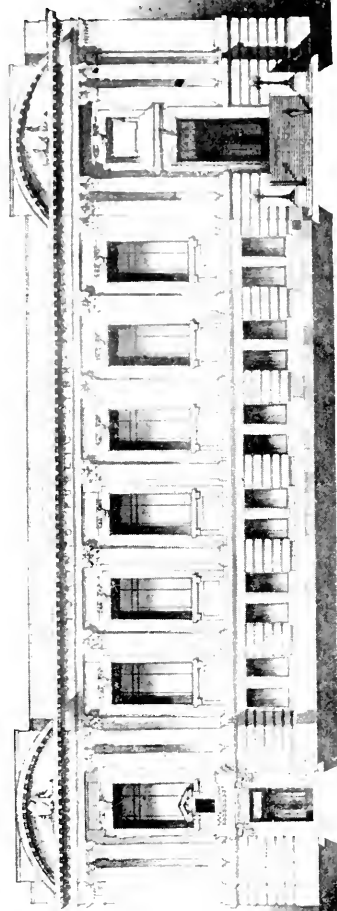
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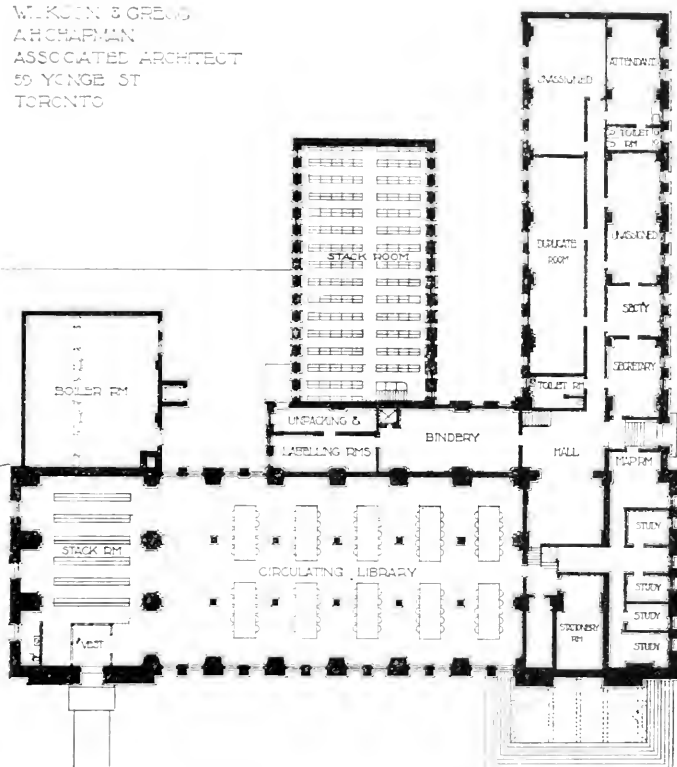


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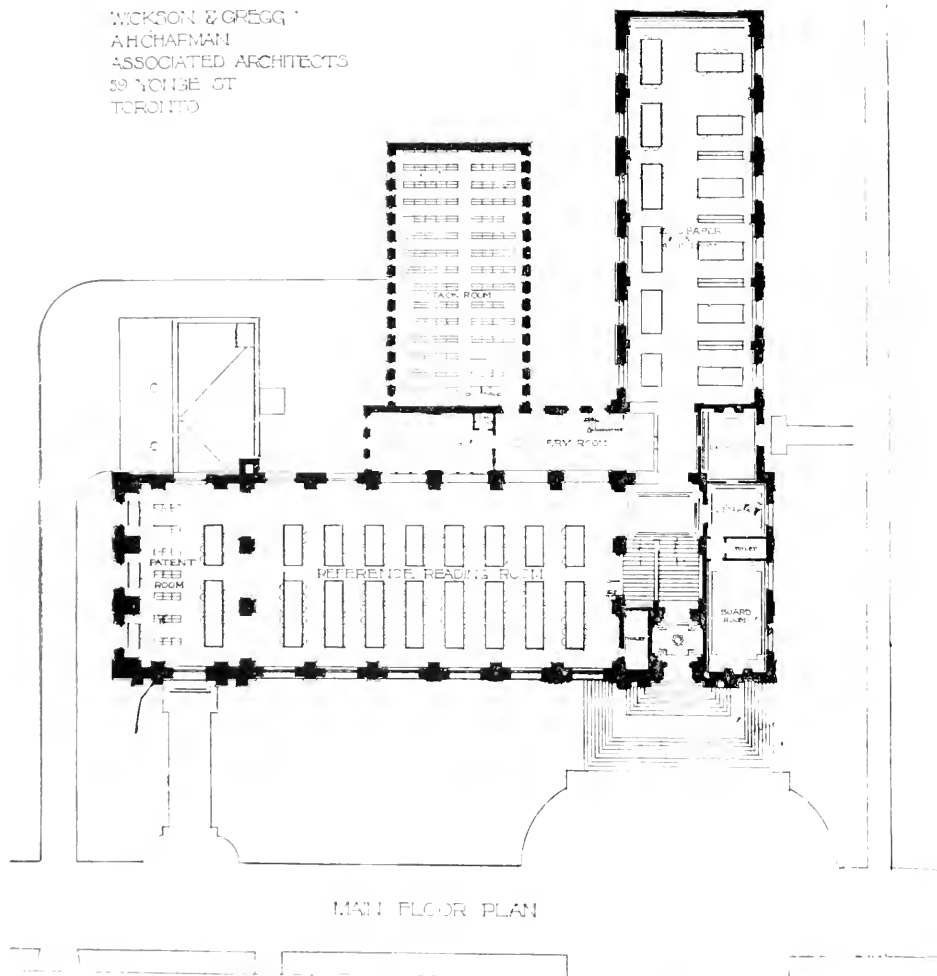
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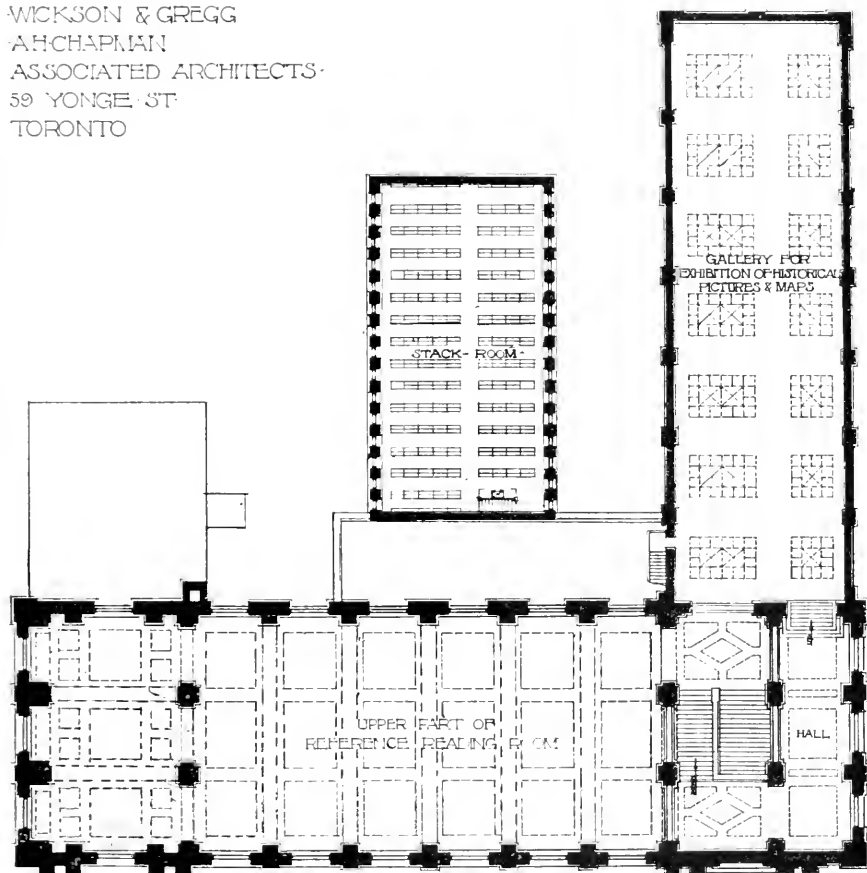
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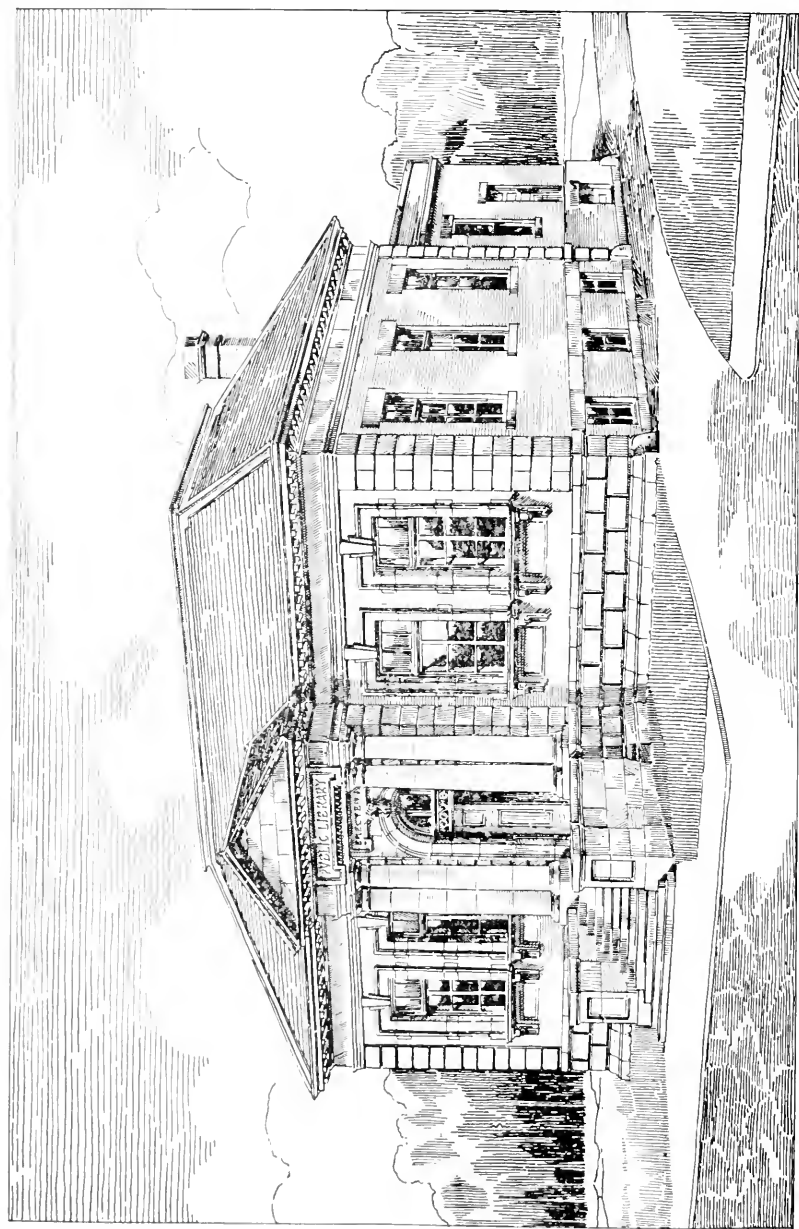


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BRANCH LIBRARY, YORKVILLE AVENUE.

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1906.

Gentlemen :

The past year has been an important one in the annals of the Library. After long delays the building for the Reference Library has at length been commenced, and the first of the new buildings for the Branch Libraries almost completed.

As will be seen by the statistical tables, slight increases in the number of books taken out for home reading, are reported from the Central Library, and the Western, Northern and Eastern Branches, and small decreases from College Street and Dundas Street Branches, leaving the actual increase over the whole library at 5.075 volumes. It is gratifying to see the increased use of the Reference Library to which the experiment of keeping open in the evening has contributed. Statistics are not preserved of the use of books on the open shelves, but of other books of reference taken out for consultation there is an increase of 6,199 or about sixteen per cent.

On May 11th, the Judges appointed to adjudicate upon the competitive plans submitted for the new Reference Library, reported that they had assigned the first place to Messrs. Wickson, Gregg & A. H. Chapman, whose plan was in every way satisfactory, and at a special meeting held May 17th, the Board duly confirmed that decision. The architects were instructed to prepare working plans and specifications which were approved on September 14th, and tenders for the work based upon them

were ordered to be obtained. At the meeting of October 16th, the following tenders were accepted :—

Page & Co., excavation.....	\$3.500
Brown & Love, masonry and brickwork.....	68.720
A. Gardner & Co., concrete and cement.....	24.820
Excelsior Terra Cotta Co., terra cotta.....	12.540
Charles Rogers & Son, Ltd., carpenter and joiner.....	14.350
Joseph McCausland & Sons, painting and glazing.....	5.990
Hoidge & Son, plastering.....	32.968
A. B. Ormsby, roofing and sheet metal work..	3.240
McGregor & McIntyre, Ltd., steel work.....	8.884
W. J. McGuire, electric wiring and telephone...	5.030
Snead & Co., stack house.....	31.400
J. E. Gray, plumbing.....	2.464
W. J. McGuire, steam heating.....	15.600
Turnbull Elevator Co., elevator.....	1.475
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	\$230.981

I had the honour of laying the Corner Stone of the new building on November 27th, in the presence of a distinguished gathering presided over by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and after the ceremony I am reported to have addressed those assembled as follows:—

“ May it please your Honour, Ladies and Gentlemen.”—

“At this time of day, in the twentieth century, it is probably unnecessary and useless to advance any argument in favor of the advantages and necessity of free public libraries. The State has long recognized the duty to provide free primary or elementary education for the young, and has also recognized and made ample and munificent provision for higher education, as witness those noble edifices in our immediate vicinity. The community ought also to recognize the necessity of providing education for those who are no longer young, in that study outside of hours of labour or business which can be carried on, not through a teaching staff, but at their homes or within the walls of a Reference Library. Cognate, therefore, closely allied and no less pressing

than those of the schools are the claims of institutions such as ours on the community. This has been in fact well styled the "People's university," and this is not merely with the utilitarian object of enabling a man or woman the better to wage the battle of life, but in recognition of the fact that the cultivation of the mind by reading is an important factor in the pursuit of happiness.

"No! 'tis not worldly gain, although by chance
 The sons of learning may to wealth advance;
 Nor station high; though in some favouring hour
 The sons of learning may arrive at power;
 Nor is it glory—though the public voice
 Of honest fame will make the heart rejoice;
 But 'tis the mind's own feelings give the joy.
 Pleasures she gathers in her own employ—
 Pleasures that gain or praise cannot bestow,
 Yet can dilate and raise them when they flow."

One of the great arguments advanced against the free library system is founded on the fact that so large a percentage of the books read are works of fiction. Granting that as in our case perhaps about 47 per cent. of the books read are novels, our able chief librarian, by tactful and courageous selection endeavors to see to it that only the best class of fiction is placed on our shelves, and he is proud to point to the fact that day by day and year by year there is a strong gain and increase in the percentage of reading of solid works as against books of fiction. I am quite free to confess that there is an indulgence in the reading of trashy novels which is destructive to the mind and soul, but what shall we say of the great masterpieces of Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, Austen, Bulwer and others? Many of these are not only amusing and entertaining but highly instructive.

The Public Library as we know it owes its evolution to the latter half of the nineteenth century. In 1850 Mr. Ewart, a private member of the English House of Commons, procured the passage of an Act enabling ratepayers to tax themselves for the establishment of free libraries.

In our own Province less than a quarter of a century has passed since the Royal assent was given to the Statute passed

by the Legislature of Ontario know as "The Free Libraries Act." In June, 1883, the officials were appointed. The late Mr. Alderman Hallam who had taken a most prominent part in the promotion of the scheme was the first chairman, and he, accompanied by the chief librarian, who I am glad to say has ever since remained a most efficient officer in our service,—went to England to complete the purchase of books. On March 6th, 1884, the Library was formally opened with all the ceremonial appropriate to the occasion, and on April 2nd books were issued for the first time. During the year 1883 the daily average issue of books was 783; in 1885 it was 933; while in 1905 it reached 478,614, an average of 1,570 per day.

At the close of the first year, 1883, the number of books on the shelves of the Circulation Library was 13,560, and in 1905 the number had risen to 54,555, while the Reference Library during the same period had increased from 8,034 to 67,778.

The total number of ticket holders entitled to take books home amounts to 59,618.

Five branches have been established in the remoter districts of the city, of which the Northern contains 6,426 volumes, the Western 5,818, the Eastern 1,577, Dundas street 2,061, and College Street 2,017.

The combined issue of books from the Central and branch libraries amounted in 1905 to 478,614.

In connection both with the Central Library and the various branches, reading rooms have been established which daily draw large numbers and have done much to popularize the institution. The rooms are large and well-lighted, are supplied with all the leading periodicals and are open from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., during the winter, and 9 p.m. in the summer.

English, American, French, German and Canadian periodicals are on file.

From the outset the Board has regarded the growth of the Reference Library as the most valuable portion of the institution under their direction, and we feel a reasonable pride in the valuable collection of books which has been gathered together. In the department of Canadian History and Exploration it is un-

equalled in the Dominion, while in arts, manufactures, patents, history and genealogy and many other subjects it occupies a high position.

In 1903 there was a crisis in the affairs of the library owing to the central building having become inadequate to our needs and requirements and being in every way an unsafe and unsuitable receptacle for our valuable collection, and the generous offer was then received from Mr. Andrew Carnegie of \$350,000 for a new Central Library building and three branches.

By the figures which I have given it will be seen that the progress of the library has been commensurate with the progress of the city, of the province, and of the Dominion. Accompanying our great material prosperity is the growing tendency to cultivate literature and art in all its branches.

I do not claim absolute perfection for our climate, for our people, or our institutions, but I must say that I am proud of being a citizen of the chief city of the premier province of the greatest over-sea possession of our Imperial Master, King Edward VII. The weather to-day while entirely natural and seasonable, compels one to think of the beautiful lines of the late poet laureate:

“You ask me why, though ill at ease,
 Within this region I subsist,
 Whose spirits falter in the mist,
 And languish for the purple seas?

It is the land that freemen till
 That sober-suited Freedom chose,
 The land where, girt with friends or foes,
 A man may speak the thing he will:

A land of settled government,
 A land of just and old renown,
 Where Freedom broadens slowly down
 From precedent to precedent:

Where faction seldom gathers head,
 But by degrees to fulness wrought,
 The strength of some diffusive thought
 Hath time and space to work and spread.

Should banded unions persecute
 Opinion and induce a time
 When single thought is civil crime.
 And individual freedom mute:

Though Power should make from land to land
 The name of Britain trebly great—
 Though every channel of the State
 Should fill and choke with golden sand—

Yet waft me from the harbour-mouth,
 Wild wind! I seek a warmer sky.
 And I will see before I die
 The palms and temples of the south."

May the structure which will be erected on the stone which I have to-day declared to be well and truly laid be a source of material improvement, of innocent pleasure and of inspiration to unnumbered generations of our fellow citizens!

"But this lies all within the will of God, to whom I do appeal."

NI-SI DOMINUS AEDIFICAVERIT DOMUM, IN VANUM LABOR-
 AVERUNT QUI AEDIFICANT EAM."

The contractors have since been engaged in laying the foundation and there seems a reasonable prospect of the building being roofed in before the termination of the present year.

Under the instructions of the Board of Control, the City Architect prepared plans for the Northern Branch on Yorkville Avenue which were submitted to the Board and approved at the meeting held on April 17th. Tenders amounting to \$25,693 were accepted on June 15th. Work was commenced almost immediately after, and the building is now approaching completion.

The accounts of the Library have been audited by the proper officers and the usual statements of receipts and expenditures and of assets and liabilities are appended.

W. G. FALCONBRIDGE,
Chairman.

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Per Ct.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	352	305	461	370	395	221	280	249	316	361	357	366	4,063	1.3
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	486	490	582	519	414	310	360	365	322	441	485	445	5,219	1.7
Theology.....	297	289	372	323	292	216	281	238	233	292	332	265	3,430	1.1
Arts.....	998	1,098	1,316	1,017	923	646	711	675	673	831	890	881	10,659	3.9
General Literature and Collected Works.....	732	885	942	761	688	505	528	569	534	770	843	697	8,451	2.8
Geography, Travel and Topography.....	488	538	605	501	515	364	387	401	414	538	560	527	5,838	1.9
History.....	618	685	775	581	568	358	471	460	518	646	673	659	7,012	2.3
Biography.....	611	597	764	610	605	430	469	440	480	616	617	538	6,777	2.2
Poetry and the Drama.....	198	222	258	181	237	180	211	172	233	243	274	235	2,611	.9
Periodicals.....	516	523	682	492	538	403	439	484	431	560	624	557	6,249	2.1
Fiction.....	10,090	9,219	11,069	9,611	9,879	7,190	7,509	7,617	7,873	9,814	9,107	8,107	107,148	35.7
Juvenile.....	2,745	1,937	2,473	1,923	1,785	1,355	1,380	1,427	1,248	1,529	1,701	1,572	21,075	7.1
German.....	61	65	57	45	46	39	50	46	57	49	70	67	652	.2
French.....	111	77	107	88	66	60	63	71	59	70	94	77	943	.3
Italian.....	1		4	6	2	2	8	5	3	4	3	8	16	.0
Spanish.....							2						2	.0
Books for the Blind.....							2	3	2				9	.0
Current Magazines.....	970	801	895	811	881	682	812	875	840	1,014	962	862	10,405	3.5
Total Number of Books Issued for Home Reading.....	19,274	17,731	21,362	17,872	17,834	12,963	13,963	11,127	14,236	17,778	17,592	15,863	200,595	66.9
Magazines Issued in Reading Room.....	5,738	5,282	6,126	4,566	4,749	3,161	3,626	3,342	3,396	5,743	6,786	5,781	58,299	19.5
Reference Books.....	4,161	3,720	4,208	3,356	2,995	2,185	2,345	2,330	2,977	4,115	4,615	3,675	40,712	13.6
Total.....	29,173	26,733	31,696	25,791	25,578	18,309	19,934	19,799	20,609	27,636	29,023	25,322	299,606	100
Amount of Fines Collected.....	\$98.72	\$78.20	\$105.56	\$96.26	\$106.86	\$54.05	\$89.88	\$69.31	\$82.85	\$88.97	\$95.41	\$106.00	\$1072.40	
No. of Tickets Issued	298	276	261	176	177	150	166	157	208	295	351	218	2,733	
Total No. of Tickets Issued.....	39,728	40,004	40,265	40,441	40,618	40,768	40,934	41,091	41,299	41,594	41,945	42,163	42,163	
No. of Non-Fiction Tickets Issued.....	2,226	406	203	120	84	43	65	72	72	131	120	75	1,417	

Classified Circulation of Books Issued from the Western Branch Library.

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Per Ct.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	47	59	61	54	46	45	32	35	30	39	33	61	532	1.3
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	26	35	39	34	27	26	16	22	12	26	36	53	352	.8
Theology.....	7	8	11	4	15	6	1	.....	1	7	27	21	114	.3
Arts.....	83	99	118	98	89	73	47	56	52	76	75	88	954	2.3
General Literature and Collected Works.....	76	86	98	94	79	64	42	51	45	80	68	87	870	2.1
Geography, Travel and Topography.....	64	74	95	105	85	65	47	42	32	67	59	69	804	1.9
History.....	74	71	87	89	68	66	37	40	32	59	60	58	741	1.8
Biography.....	61	56	92	62	52	50	35	37	31	67	34	39	619	1.5
Poetry and the Drama.....	23	35	25	30	25	20	20	17	13	16	14	13	251	.6
Periodicals.....	685	619	752	608	556	519	433	440	432	566	573	614	6,827	16.4
Fiction.....	1,678	1,545	1,828	1,619	1,440	1,300	1,165	1,456	1,245	1,534	1,435	1,428	17,403	41.8
Juvenile.....	744	653	726	612	585	461	430	450	471	554	689	664	7,003	17
German.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
French.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Italian.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spanish.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Books for the Blind.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Current Magazines.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Number of Books Issued for Home Reading.....	3,575	3,371	3,932	3,469	3,067	2,695	2,308	2,337	2,396	3,091	3,103	3,198	36,512	87.8
Magazines issued in Reading Room.....	512	464	558	464	409	301	255	258	248	319	469	505	4,762	11.5
Reference Books.....	42	39	28	23	15	26	31	13	7	20	37	32	313	.7
Total.....	4,129	3,874	4,518	3,956	3,491	3,022	2,594	2,608	2,651	3,430	3,609	3,735	41,617	100.
Amount of Fines Collected.....	\$4.49	\$3.34	\$6.11	\$5.09	\$4.74	\$5.82	\$4.98	\$4.11	\$4.56	\$4.65	\$4.12	\$4.74	\$56.75	.....
No. of Tickets Issued.....	28	20	23	13	11	13	17	13	19	35	23	14	229	.....
Total No. of Tickets Issued.....	5,106	5,126	5,149	5,162	5,173	5,186	5,203	5,216	5,235	5,270	5,293	5,307	5,307	.....

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Per Ct.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	27	28	35	35	42	30	21	17	21	30	32	31	349	.9
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	19	20	28	26	45	31	17	7	75	22	15	21	266	.7
Theology.....	14	30	30	33	36	26	19	6	24	26	27	31	302	.8
Arts.....	37	25	23	30	35	35	22	21	21	18	30	30	327	.8
General Literature and Collected Works.....	36	36	35	35	44	38	22	15	27	34	36	36	394	1.
Geography, Travel and Topography.....	33	30	34	45	48	54	32	16	22	30	32	44	420	1.
History.....	37	40	41	38	41	47	39	27	35	42	38	40	471	1.2
Biography.....	28	39	53	58	59	48	43	25	35	48	42	47	525	1.3
Poetry and the Drama	41	32	41	71	71	63	32	31	37	46	31	43	512	1.3
Periodicals.....	568	491	644	573	639	529	425	378	487	600	472	626	6,432	15.8
Fiction.....	1,202	1,050	1,247	1,182	1,317	1,082	1,072	1,018	1,090	1,138	1,074	1,083	13,555	33.3
Juvenile.....	816	746	818	891	939	796	599	540	694	693	751	805	9,118	22.4
German.....											4			.4
French.....		1	2		2		3		3	4	7	13	35	.35
Italian.....														
Spanish.....														
Books for the Blind.....														
Current Magazines.....														
Total Number of Books Issued for Home Reading.....	2,858	2,568	3,064	3,017	3,324	2,779	2,346	2,104	2,511	2,731	2,591	2,850	32,740	80.5
Magazines Issued in Reading Room.....	483	408	488	496	501	429	392	317	375	406	443	438	5,176	12.7
Reference Books.....	202	239	216	296	338	238	170	157	219	259	193	243	2,770	6.8
Total.....	3,543	3,215	3,768	3,809	4,160	3,446	2,908	2,578	3,105	3,396	3,227	3,531	40,686	100.
Amount of Fines Collected.....	\$2.40	\$3.24	\$3.00	\$3.27	\$3.51	\$3.15	\$2.86	\$4.11	\$1.86	\$3.87	\$2.94	\$3.09	\$37.30	
No. of Tickets Issued.....	32	29	37	30	11	14	27	18	22	51	57	16	341	
Total No. of Tickets Issued.....	8,293	8,322	8,359	8,389	8,400	8,414	8,441	8,459	8,481	8,532	8,589	8,605	8,605	

Classified Circulation of Books Issued from the Eastern Branch Library.

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Per Ct.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	10	3	18	16	8	6	2	6	10	10	11	6	106	.5
Political Social and Medical Sciences.....	4	3	11	2	8	3	6	4	5	5	7	4	62	.3
Theology.....	3	8	10	2	8	6	4	3	1	1	1	2	49	.2
Arts.....	21	27	21	17	4	6	6	10	7	7	12	10	148	.7
General Literature and Collected Works.....	8	4	13	3	4	3	6	3	10	12	9	8	83	.4
Geography, Travel and Topography.....	15	14	12	9	6	9	7	5	8	25	22	13	145	.6
History.....	8	11	20	11	7	5	5	9	3	8	11	14	112	.5
Biography.....	5	2	10	7	4	6	3	.....	3	7	11	2	60	.3
Poetry and the Drama	2	6	5	8	26	5	2	4	4	7	8	4	81	.4
Periodicals.....	190	149	198	166	246	114	109	114	143	168	204	201	2,002	9.2
Fiction.....	850	827	1,011	828	787	795	672	739	688	815	844	715	9,571	43.9
Juvenile.....	608	623	743	587	413	452	455	447	471	516	545	563	6,423	29.5
German.....						1							1	
French.....			1	2	2	1							4	
Italian.....				2									2	
Spanish.....														
Books for the Blind														
Current Magazines.....														
Total Number of Books Issued for Home Reading.....	1,724	1,677	2,073	1,658	1,523	1,412	1,277	1,344	1,353	1,581	1,685	1,542	18,849	86.5
Magazines Issued in Reading Room.....	300	324	392	209	160	141	116	154	145	259	282	275	2,757	12.6
Reference Books.....	11	13	26	21	16	8	6	13	5	29	27	16	191	.9
Total.....	2,035	2,014	2,491	1,888	1,699	1,561	1,399	1,511	1,563	1,869	1,994	1,833	21,797	100.
Amount of Fines Collected.....	\$4.50	\$2.16	\$4.86	\$5.89	\$4.56	\$5.28	\$4.53	\$4.38	\$4.17	\$3.60	\$4.94	\$4.32	\$53.19	.....
No. of Tickets Issued	18	30	32	22	21	18	13	11	17	30	22	18	252	.....
Total No. of Tickets Issued.....	4,951	4,981	5,013	5,035	5,056	5,074	5,087	5,098	5,115	5,145	5,167	5,185	5,185	.....

Classified Circulation of Books Issued from the Dundas Street Branch Library.

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Per Ct.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	30	29	28	32	28	36	27	16	16	23	22	24	311	1
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	32	28	32	18	20	20	21	20	27	33	28	28	307	1
Theology.....	29	23	26	21	17	15	12	12	13	15	20	20	223	7
Arts.....	103	114	106	81	90	96	86	70	56	81	89	100	1,072	33
General Literature and Collected Works.....	49	38	45	49	39	28	30	20	22	29	50	49	448	14
Geography, Travel and Topography.....	47	44	41	35	27	31	22	22	25	39	29	43	405	12
History.....	44	55	72	48	55	37	38	27	37	54	60	48	575	18
Biography.....	28	24	28	31	26	22	15	11	22	20	23	30	280	9
Poetry and the Drama	15	9	17	9	2	1	1	2	3	8	6	6	79	2
Periodicals.....	189	177	208	170	156	141	117	131	110	138	140	166	1,843	57
Fiction.....	1,379	1,372	1,558	1,248	1,201	1,223	1,093	976	1,009	1,208	1,261	1,239	14,770	456
Juvenile.....	807	780	952	786	580	567	433	466	532	670	693	736	8,082	25
German.....	6	4	7	4	3	4	2	8	5	4	4	4	55	2
French.....	7	5	5	4	3	3	8	5	4	3	6	8	64	2
Italian.....														
Spanish.....														
Books for the Blind.....	3	5	2	2	2	3	3		1	2	1		24	
Current Magazines.....		4		2	2	1	4	11	1	3	2	7	37	1
Total No. of Books Issued for Home Reading.....	2,828	2,714	3,127	2,540	2,251	2,228	1,932	1,797	1,883	2,330	2,434	2,508	28,575	883
Magazines Issued in Reading Room.....	374	343	434	277	222	201	255	245	194	280	307	317	3,449	106
Reference Books.....	35	21	43	27	18	23	25	25	32	21	43	36	352	11
Total.....	3,237	3,078	3,604	2,841	2,494	2,452	2,212	2,067	2,109	2,634	2,784	2,861	32,376	100
Amount of Fines Collected.....	\$5.40	\$6.81	\$6.74	\$5.94	\$6.12	\$5.01	\$5.32	\$4.20	\$5.85	\$5.44	\$4.35	\$4.80	\$65.98	
No. of Tickets Issued.....	38	39	35	29	28	32	27	20	29	38	50	35	401	
Total No. of Tickets Issued.....	7,037	7,076	7,111	7,140	7,168	7,200	7,228	7,248	7,277	7,315	7,365	7,400	7,400	

Classified Circulation of Books Issued from the College Street Branch Library.

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Per Ct.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	71	73	71	65	45	30	22	19	23	39	52	41	551	1.2
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	30	34	42	35	10	14	13	13	12	21	38	36	298	.7
Theology.....	27	29	34	22	9	23	21	17	16	14	28	20	260	.6
Arts.....	67	89	92	57	23	54	43	41	36	66	77	56	701	1.6
General Literature and Collected Works.....	80	92	99	88	49	41	39	51	54	69	108	93	863	1.9
Geography, Travel and Topography.....	68	72	88	50	27	35	40	34	34	39	66	42	595	1.3
History.....	62	75	103	57	49	42	37	46	46	53	75	74	719	1.6
Biography.....	45	63	79	60	21	21	17	20	25	33	48	41	473	1.1
Poetry and the Drama	31	38	36	25	17	25	19	17	16	17	22	14	277	.6
Periodicals.....	336	306	376	351	231	252	236	244	269	333	337	313	3,587	8
Fiction.....	1,909	1,829	2,079	1,860	1,303	1,716	1,482	1,531	1,542	1,817	1,898	1,714	20,680	46.3
Juvenile.....	928	978	1,100	861	558	743	647	702	706	816	799	831	9,729	21.8
German.....	16	9	12	14	2	1	12	6	5	7	9	8	101	.2
French.....	16	10	16	15	7	11	.....	9	18	18	18	20	158	.3
Italian.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spanish.....	2	2	1	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....
Books for the Blind.....	71	60	76	61	58	71	77	79	66	77	74	62	832	1.9
Current Magazines.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total No. of Books Issued for Home Reading.....	3,759	3,759	4,304	3,626	2,411	3,081	2,705	2,889	2,868	3,419	3,649	3,365	39,835	89.1
Magazines Issued in Reading Room.....	460	453	548	416	232	366	209	260	319	426	392	419	4,500	10.1
Reference Books.....	68	52	35	30	25	21	10	21	21	28	38	19	368	.8
Total.....	4,287	4,264	4,887	4,072	2,668	3,468	2,924	3,170	3,208	3,873	4,079	3,803	44,763	100
Amount of Fines Collected.....	\$8.67	\$6.15	\$9.33	\$6.79	\$4.89	\$12.28	\$8.21	\$10.78	\$10.34	\$9.87	\$10.95	\$10.71	\$108.97	.....
No. of Tickets Issued	60	56	58	33	35	45	44	39	59	102	72	51	654	.....
Total No. of Tickets Issued.....	4,621	4,677	4,735	4,768	4,803	4,848	4,892	4,931	4,990	5,092	5,164	5,215	5,215	.....

Total Classified Circulation of Books Issued from the Central and Branch Libraries.
FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Per Ct.</i>
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	537	497	572	561	368	381	332	416	502	507	529	5,882	1.3
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	597	610	731	521	404	433	431	393	518	609	587	6,504	1.4
Theology.....	377	387	483	377	292	311	276	288	355	435	362	4,378	1
Arts.....	1,309	1,452	1,076	1,161	910	915	873	815	1,079	1,173	1,165	13,861	2.9
General Literature and Collected Works.....	981	1,141	1,232	903	679	667	709	692	994	1,114	970	11,112	2.4
Geography, Travel and Topography.....	715	772	875	745	558	535	520	535	738	708	738	8,207	1.7
History.....	843	937	1,101	824	791	627	609	671	862	917	893	9,630	2
Biography.....	781	781	1,026	828	577	582	533	596	791	775	697	8,734	1.9
Poetry and the Drama	310	342	382	324	294	285	246	306	337	355	315	3,874	.9
Periodicals.....	2,484	2,295	2,800	2,363	1,958	1,759	1,791	1,872	2,365	2,350	2,477	26,910	5.6
Fiction.....	17,108	15,842	18,792	16,411	13,306	12,993	13,067	13,417	16,326	15,619	14,286	183,127	38.1
Juvenile.....	6,708	5,717	6,842	4,860	4,374	3,964	4,092	4,122	4,778	5,178	5,171	61,196	12.1
German.....	87	79	76	51	45	64	60	67	60	87	79	818	.2
French.....	134	96	131	80	75	74	86	81	95	125	118	1,205	.3
Italian.....	1	4	8	2	2	2	5	3	4	3	8	48	.01
Spanish.....	1	4	8	2	2	2	5	3	4	3	8	48	.01
Books for the Blind.....	5	7	3	4	7	5	3	3	2	1	1	14	.003
Current Magazines.....	1,041	865	971	874	754	893	965	907	1,094	1,038	931	11,274	2.4
Total No. of Books Issued for Home Reading.....	34,018	31,820	37,862	32,182	25,158	24,531	24,598	25,247	30,930	31,054	29,326	357,136	74.2
Magazines Issued in Reading Room.....	7,897	7,274	8,546	6,428	4,599	4,853	4,576	4,077	7,433	8,079	7,738	78,943	16.5
Reference Books.....	4,519	4,084	4,556	3,753	2,501	2,587	2,559	3,261	4,475	4,983	4,021	44,706	9.3
Total.....	46,404	43,178	50,964	42,363	32,258	31,971	31,733	33,185	42,838	44,716	41,085	480,785	100.
Amount of Fines Collected.....	\$124.18	\$99.90	\$135.60	\$123.24	\$130.68	\$85.59	\$115.78	\$96.89	\$109.63	\$116.40	\$122.74	\$133.60	\$1394.23
No. of Tickets Issued.....	474	450	446	303	283	295	258	354	551	575	352	4,613	
Total No. of Tickets Issued.....	69,736	70,186	70,632	70,935	71,218	71,490	71,785	72,043	72,397	72,948	73,523	73,875	
Number of non-Fiction Tickets Issued.....	26	406	203	120	84	65	72	72	131	120	75	1,417	

**Additions and Deductions
in Reference and
Circulating Libraries
During 1906.**

Number of Books and Pamphlets in Libraries, December		
31st, 1905.....		140,243
Deduct—Books lost and paid for.....	65	
“ withdrawn.....	971	
“ missing and lost.....	122	
“ destroyed by Medical Health Officer....	33	
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		1,191
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		139,052
Added during year:		
Purchased.....	3,915	
Books donated.....	273	
Periodicals bound.....	721	
English patents.....	296	
Pamphlets.....	550	
Manuscripts.....	2	
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		5,757
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		144,809
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**Total Number of Volumes
in Reference and
Circulating Libraries,
December 31st, 1906.**

	<i>Central.</i>	<i>Western.</i>	<i>Northern.</i>	<i>Eastern.</i>	<i>Dundas.</i>	<i>College.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	1,722	90	109	27	31	70	2,049
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	2,492	17	79	10	28	48	2,704
Theology.....	2,441	72	81	19	33	37	2,683
Arts.....	3,285	87	81	20	67	62	3,602
General Literature and Collected Works.....	4,699	354	288	29	61	196	5,627
Geography and Travels.....	3,495	225	229	35	65	73	4,122
History.....	4,350	338	426	70	110	200	5,494
Biography.....	4,633	355	401	81	98	127	5,695
Poetry and the Drama.....	1,386	98	113	39	22	31	1,689
Periodicals.....	3,363	996	1,144	249	244	215	6,211
Fiction.....	16,761	2,347	2,522	624	825	797	23,876
Juveniles.....	5,802	808	982	371	548	309	8,820
German Literature.....	791						791
French Literature.....	816						816
Italian Literature.....	99						99
Spanish Literature.....	9						9
Books for the Blind.....	73						73
Total.....	56,217	5,817	6,455	1,574	2,132	2,165	74,360

Circulating Libraries, as above.....	45,068
Reference Library, Central.....	52
" " Western Branch.....	120
" " Northern Branch.....	23
" " Eastern Branch.....	59
" " Dundas Street Branch.....	25
" " College Street Branch.....	
	45,347
Hallam Collection.....	2,034
Pamphlets.....	14,861
Manuscripts.....	334
Patents.....	296
	<u>62,872</u>

**Value of the
Library,
December 31st, 1906:**

Valuation of the Library December 31st, 1905.....		\$199,310.80
Books purchased during 1906.....	\$7,042.18	
Binding.....	1,936.61	
Periodicals bound.....	721.00	
Pamphlets.....	55.00	
Donations.....	386.00	
MSS.....	10.00	
Newspapers bound.....	100.00	
Duplicate unbound magazines.....	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$10,550.79

Deduct—Books withdrawn.....	\$813.15	
“ lost and paid.....	51.05	
“ destroyed by Medical Health Department...	24.35	
“ sold.....	25.30	
“ missing.....	99.95	
	<hr/>	\$1,013.80
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		\$9,536.99
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		\$208,847.79

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Central Libraries.....	\$196,132.26
Western Branch.....	3,568.29
Northern Branch.....	4,279.28
Eastern Branch.....	1,319.64
Dundas Street Branch.....	1,820.12
College Street Branch.....	1,728.20
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	\$208,847.79

**Borrowers'
Register,
December 31st, 1906.**

Central.

Tickets in use, December 31st, 1905.....	34,574
Tickets issued in 1906.....	2,733
Tickets issued in 1906, non-Fiction.....	1,417
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	\$38,724
Deduct—Transferred to Western Branch.....	13
“ “ Northern Branch.....	51
“ “ Eastern Branch.....	26
“ “ Dundas Street Branch.....	24
“ “ College Street Branch.....	63
Lost and cancelled.....	760
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	937
Total.....	<hr/>
	37,787

Western Branch.

Tickets in use, December 31st, 1905.....	3,740
Tickets issued in 1906.....	238
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	3,978
Deduct—Transferred to Central.....	25
“ “ Northern Branch.....	2
“ “ Eastern Branch.....	2
“ “ Dundas Street Branch.....	15
“ “ College Street Branch.....	29
Lost and cancelled.....	63
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	136
Total.....	<hr/>
	3,842

Northern Branch.

Tickets in use December 31st, 1905.....	7,889
Tickets issued in 1906.....	344
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Deduct—Transferred to Central.....	28
“ “ Western Branch.....	1
“ “ Dundas Street Branch.....	7
“ “ Eastern Branch.....	1
“ “ College Street Branch.....	10
Lost and cancelled.....	61
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	108
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Total.....	8,125
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Eastern Branch.

Tickets in use, December 31st, 1905.....	3,617
Tickets issued in 1906.....	252
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	3,869
Deduct—Transferred to Central.....	28
“ “ College Street Branch.....	2
“ “ Dundas Street Branch.....	2
“ “ Western Branch.....	..
“ “ Northern Branch.....	..
Lost and cancelled.....	33
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	65
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Total.....	3,804
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Dundas Street Branch.

Tickets in use, December 31st, 1905.....	6,230
Tickets issued in 1906.....	400
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	6,630
Deduct = Transferred to Central.....	20
“ “ Western Branch.....	8
“ “ Northern Branch.....	..
“ “ Eastern Branch.....	4
“ “ College Street Branch.....	12
Lost and cancelled.....	53
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	97
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Total.....	6,533
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College Street Branch.

Tickets in use, December 31st, 1905.....	3,568
Tickets issued in 1906.....	654
	<hr/> 4,222
Deduct —Transferred to Central.....	64
" " Northern Branch.....	13
" " Dundas Street Branch.....	11
" " Western Branch.....	9
" " Eastern Branch.....	9
Lost or cancelled.....	254
	<hr/> 363
Total.....	<hr/> <hr/> 3,859

Total Number of Tickets.

Central.....	37,787
Western Branch.....	3,842
Northern Branch.....	8,125
Eastern Branch.....	3,804
Dundas Street Branch.....	6,533
College Street Branch.....	3,859
	<hr/> 63,950

Number of Post Cards sent for Overdue Books.

Central.....	3,971
Western Branch.....	473
Northern Branch.....	375
Eastern Branch.....	357
Dundas Street Branch.....	665
College Street Branch.....	968
	<hr/> 6,809

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Balance in Bank, December 31st, 1905.....	\$4.58	By Interest on Debentures.....	\$2368.00
" Library Rate.....	41,923.00	" Sinking Fund.....	500.00
" Legislative Grant.....	250.00	" Books.....	\$2,868.00
" Rent.....	251.48	" English Patents.....	7,042.18
" Borrower's Tickets.....	285.00	" Newspapers and Magazines.....	365.05
" Catalogues.....	79.40	" Binding.....	2,808.06
" Fines.....	1,394.29	" Printing.....	1,936.61
" Damage to Books.....	11.70	" Catalogues.....	309.47
" Books lost and paid for.....	11.70	" Stationery.....	347.00
" Books sold.....	75.50	" Postage.....	185.18
" Newspapers and Magazines sold.....	28.13	" Electric Lighting.....	176.55
" Waste paper sold.....	150.66	" Gas Lighting.....	1,281.12
" Copying documents.....	7.55	" Fuel.....	423.71
" Insurance rebate.....	13.05	" Water.....	1,077.25
" Refund.....	6.73	" Rent of Branches.....	56.54
" Bank Interest.....	\$119.20	" Wagon Service.....	2,060.00
	22.00	" Telephone.....	396.00
	141.20	" Repairs.....	64.50
		" Salaries.....	279.84
		" Insurance.....	18,472.79
		" Petty Expenses.....	1,494.16
		" Law Expenses.....	464.60
		" Taxes.....	10.00
		" Architect's Competition.....	53.58
		" Special deposit for Furniture for New Northern Branch Library.....	1,350.00
		" Bank Balance.....	1,095.00
			5.08
			\$44,622.27

Audited and approved,

(Signed) WILLIAM ANDERSON, City Auditor.

January 30th, 1907.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

ASSETS.

Library Building, corner Church and Adelaide Streets:	
Land, 91x156 at \$150 per foot.....	\$13,650.00
Buildings.....	50,000.00
	\$63,650.00
Lombard Street lots:	
Land 68x91 at \$50 per foot.....	\$3,400.00
Building.....	200.00
	3,600.00
Yorkville Avenue, Northern Branch:	
Land 84 5 in. x 165 at \$35 per foot	\$2,955.00
Building in course of erection.....	15,000.00
	17,955.00
Public Reference Library, corner St. George and College Streets:	
Land.....	\$41,191.00
Building in course of erection.....	8,000.00
	49,191.00
Furniture and Fittings:	
Central Libraries.....	\$5,873.40
Western Branch.....	255.02
Northern Branch.....	287.98
Eastern Branch.....	397.56
Dundas Street Branch.....	898.33
College Street Branch.....	402.02
	8,114.31
Books, Pamphlets, etc.:	
Central Libraries.....	\$196,132.26
Western Branch.....	3,568.29
Northern Branch.....	4,279.28
Eastern Branch.....	1,319.64
Dundas Street Branch.....	1,820.12
College Street Branch.....	1,728.20
	208,847.79
Catalogues on hand.....	\$400.00
Portraits, engravings, medals, etc.....	1,150.00
English Patents.....	5,186.49
Bank Balance.....	5.08
	6,741.57
	\$358,099.67

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Debentures on Library.....	
Building corner Church and Adelaide Streets.....	
	\$60,496.60
Less Sinking Fund.....	11,861.58
	\$48,635.02
Balance.....	309,464.65
	\$358,099.67

NEW LIBRARY BUILDINGS,
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

To City of Toronto, Temporary Loan	\$4,000 00
" Andrew Carnegie, Esq., on account of Grant	35,000 00
" Canadian Bank of Commerce, Interest allowed	100 00

EXPENDITURE.

By City of Toronto in repayment of temporary loan	\$4,000 00
Northern Branch, Yorkville Ave.:	
" Robert Ramsey, salary, clerk of works	\$176 00
" John McLeod, excavation and brick-work	5,760 00
" Fred Holmes, cut and stone work	7,112 80
" Thomas Lewis, carpenter work	1,217 60
" McGregor & McIntyre, Ltd., steel and iron work	1,136 00
" Fiddes & Hogarth, plumbing	160 00
" Caledonian Insurance Co., premiums ..	40 80
	15,903 20

Public Reference Library:

" Page & Co., excavation	2,400 00
" A. Gardner & Co., concrete and cement	600 00
" Wickson, Gregg & Chapman, architects, account commission	4,000 00
" Wm. Simpson, salary, clerk of works	175 00
" Hudson W. M. Murray, K.C., law expenses	10 00
" Newsome & Gilbert, stationery	1 80
" Annae Press, printing	\$6 50
" Globe Printing Co., advertisement for tenders	46 80
" Mail Printing Co., advertisement for tenders	20 40
" The Contract Record, advertisement for tenders	5 00
" City of Toronto, sewer connection ..	51 00
" Balance on hand	99 40
	11,910 60

\$39,100 00

Audited and approved,

(Signed) WILLIAM ANDERSON, *City Auditor.*

January 30th, 1907.

List of Donations, 1906.

	Bound	Unbound		Bound	Unbound
Alexander, Lucien, Esq.		1	Jennett, F. G., Esq.		1
Anonymous	1	3	Kemp, David, Esq.		3
Bain, James, Esq., D.C.L.		1	King's Printer, Edmonton	1	
Bain, J. W., Esq.		1	King's Printer, Ottawa	12	1
Baleh, T. W., Esq.		1	King's Printer, Regina		2
Beacock, D. V., D.D.S.		1	King's Printer, Toronto	11	
Bi-hop, Heber, Executors estate of...	2		King's Printer, Wellington, N.Z.	2	1
Blaikie, John L., Esq.		1	Kingsford, R., Esq.	3	
Blue, Arch., Esq.	2		Libraries		
Boyle, David, Esq.		1	Aberdeen		1
Brown, W. G., Esq.	1		Ashton-Under-Lyne		1
Campbell, Mayne, Esq.		1	Battersea		1
Carrier, Wace, Esq.		1	Belfast		1
Chadwick, E. M., Esq.		12	Birmingham		1
Chilton, R. S., Esq.		6	Blackburn		1
Clark, A. H. Company	1		Blackburn		1
Colleges and Universities:			Boston Athenaeum		1
Bowdoin College		3	Brooklyn		18
Chicago University		7	Buffalo		1
Clark University		1	Cambridge		1
Hartford Theological Seminary		2	Carnegie, Atlanta		1
Harvard University		2	Carnegie, Braddock		1
Kaiserlich-Japanischen Universi-			Carnegie, Nashville		1
tat, Tokyo		1	Carnegie, Ottawa		1
Knox College		1	Carnegie, Pittsburgh		1
Laval University		1	Chicago		6
McGill University		1	Cincinnati		1
Merchiston Castle School	1		Cleveland		1
Northwestern University	1	1	Congressional	11	6
Pennsylvania University		1	Croydon		1
Still College of Osteopathy		8	Dayton		1
Toronto University	1	7	Detroit		3
Trinity University		1	District of Columbia		3
Victoria University	1		Edinburgh		1
Wisconsin University		1	Epoch Pratt, Baltimore		1
Yale University		3	Finsbury		1
Cooper, J. A., Esq.		2	Fletcher		3
Croskill, W. H., Esq.		1	Friend's, Germantown		1
Cussons, Col. John		2	Grand Rapids		14
Davis, Miss Kate		1	Hamilton		1
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